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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, MOPS, MR, SS  
SUBJECT: SAHARA WATCH: DEMONSTRATIONS GIRM QUICK RESPONSE CAPABILITY

1. MAURITANIAN MILITARY FORCES RESPONDED WITH IMPRESSIVE SPEED  
AND STRENGTH JUNE 18 TO REPORTED SIGHCNG OF POLISARIO FORCE  
IN CENTRAL MAURITANIA. ACCORDING TO LOCAL DIPLOMATIC SOURCE,  
MAURITANIA TRUCK DRIVER REPORTED TO AUTHORITIES IN KIFFA  
(16-37N11-24W) THAT HE HAD SIGHTED SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES IN  
AREA NORTH OF CITY (PRESUMABLY ON KIFFA-TAMCHAKET SEGMENT OF  
MAIN KAEDI-NE-MA TRACK). GIRM MILITARY QUICKLY DISPATCHED  
SEVEN PLANELOADS OF MEN AND EQUIPMENT TO KIFFA. AMCIT  
OBSERVERS AT NOUAKCHOT AIRPORT REPORTED FOUR DC-4 AND  
THREE F-27 FLIGHTS BY AIR MAURITANIA PLANES DURING SIX HOUR  
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PERIOD UPON ARRIVAL, MEN AND EQUIPMENT WERE IMMEDIATELY  
DISPATCHED NORTH BY TRUCKS. AERIAL SEARCH IN AREA OF REPORTED  
SIGHTING REVEALED TIRE TRACKS, BUT GROUND FORCES LATER  
ESTABLISHED TRACKS WERE NOT RPT NOT OF POLISARIO  
VEHICLES.

2. COMMENT: GIRM RESPONSE INDICATES BOTH SERIOUSNESS MILITARY

ACCORDS A REPORTED POLISARIO SIGHTING AND RESPONSE CAPABILITY  
OF GIRM MILITARY AND SECURITY FORCES.

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